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## Remote Learning at St Gregory's Catholic Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to develop remote learning for children at home, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support and perseverance.

The children now have access to Microsoft Teams, which will be our primary remote learning platform from now on, although we will continue to use Class Dojo as a method of communication between school and home. Resource packs (e.g. pens, pencils, exercise books, key resources) have been delivered to many children.

Government recommendations are that all children should be learning remotely every day, unless they are in school. Therefore, teachers will take a register at the start of each lesson and will monitor pupil participation. Please contact school if you are having difficulties accessing our online forums and we will do everything we can to help.

During these challenging times, your children's wellbeing and learning is our priority. For this reason, school are providing between 2 ½ to 4 hours of daily learning for every child, dependant on their key stage. This will be in the format of live lessons, feedbacks sessions, pre-recorded lessons, written work and online teacher-set tasks. Please encourage your child to record their work in the exercise books provided or on Teams as part of an assignment. Where possible, ensure your child has a suitable place (e.g. table/desk) to participate in lessons and work with minimal interruption. Talking and encouraging your child through the work will help to maintain their willingness to focus and persevere.

On completion of their work, children should submit online assignments or upload a photograph to Microsoft Teams. They may need your support to do this. Work will be recognised and marked where appropriate, by teachers and feedback given. Please share this with your child as this will really boost their confidence and help to move their learning on.

Alongside Microsoft Teams, your child has also been sent log-in details for other online learning platforms our school subscribes to. These include: Letter Join, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Access to resources from BBC Bitesize, CBeebies, National Oak Academy and White Rose Maths are also available to all with internet connection, **free of charge**, to supplement what we are providing.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or concerns around this new way of learning or if your child requires any further resources. Be kind and patient, we are all learning together.

Thank you for helping us to stay safe.

Marie Best  
Head Teacher

